

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1727 - HB 1572

March 18, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new part in Tenn. Code Ann., Title 40, Chapter 38 regarding victim's rights, requiring reciprocal discovery in criminal trials.

Requires defendants to disclose their witness list prior to trial. The disclosure must be made in a timely manner. Authorizes a judge to prohibit testimony from any witness whose name was not disclosed. If a witness to be summoned is an expert, the disclosure must indicate the expert's field of expertise. If an expert is disclosed, the court must give the opposing party an opportunity to seek its own expert in the same field of expertise.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not increase or reduce the caseloads of the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders. Any impact can be accommodated within existing resources.
- According to the Office of the Post-Conviction Defender, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the office.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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